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Mr. J.A. Curry  
Chief of Police

Subject: Location of Detective H.L.  
McGee at the time of the  
Lee Oswald shooting

Sir:

Prior to the transfer of Lee Oswald, Lieutenant Swain instructed me to go to the basement near the information desk to assist in the transfer of Lee Oswald in any manner that I might be needed.

I rode the main elevator from the third floor with two WBAP-TV cameramen and Detectives D.O. Brantley and D.L. Burgess. When I got off the elevator in the basement I saw a large group of cameramen and newsmen congregated in the area in front of the jail office windows. I knew that Jack Ruby was not with the two WBAP-TV cameramen when they pushed their camera up to the crowd of other newsmen.

I stationed myself in the general area in front of the information desk to await the transfer.

While I was in this area, the only person I noticed come into the building from either the Commerce Street or Harwood Street doors was Attorney Tom Howard. He came in through the Harwood Street entrance and walked up to the jail office window.

At this time Oswald was brought off the jail elevator and Tom Howard turned away from the window and went back toward the Harwood Street door. He waved at me as he went by and said, "That's all I wanted to see."

Shortly after that I heard a shot and someone said, "Oh". I did not see the shooting.

At that time I went to the vehicle ramp and helped Lieutenant Swain hold back the crowd.

Respectfully submitted,

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